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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R §115

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2000 for which a response period of three months was set to expire January 3, 2000. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time for one month. The present response is timely.

AMENDMENT

The claims pending in the case are claims 1-33. Please amend claims 1, 2, 9, 11, 13 and 14 as follows:

- 1. A T helper cell epitope selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS: 6-22, 105, 123, 124, and 31-35.
- 2. A I helper cell epitope according to Claim 1 for preparing a pepide immunogen represented by the formula

(A)_n-(Target antigenic site)-(B)_o-(Th)_m-X

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